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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter dated 23 September 1994 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/49/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/49/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/49/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee, which will be issued in an addendum to the present document (A/C.2/49/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. In recent years, the Second Committee decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 10 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, there will be little possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States. As a result, as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documents (see para. 3 above) contains further information on this procedure.

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Second Committee set a target date of 9 December for the conclusion of its work.

ANNEX

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 26-30 September			
Thursday, 29 September	a.m.	Election of two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur	
		Organization of work	
Week of 3-7 October			
Thursday, 6 October	a.m.	General debate	
Friday, 7 October	a.m.	General debate (continued)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers in the general debate	
Week of 10-14 October			
Tuesday, 11 October	p.m.	General debate (continued)	
Wednesday, 12 October	a.m.	General debate (continued)	
	p.m.	General debate (concluded)	

Date	Meeting		Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Thursday, 13 October	a.m.	Item 90	Operational activities for development	
			Introductory statements and general discussion	
		1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 90	
Friday, 14 October	p.m.	Item 90	Operational activities for development	
			General discussion (concluded)	
Week of 17-21 October				
Monday, 17 October a/				
Tuesday, 18 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 87	Macroeconomic policy questions:	
			(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;	

a/ World Food Day.

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;	
		(c) External debt crisis and development;	
		(d) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries.	
		Introductory statements and general discussion	
	6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 87	
Wednesday, 19 October	a.m.	Item 87 Macroeconomic policy questions: (a), (b), (c) and (d)	
		General discussion (concluded)	1 p.m. - Item 90
	p.m.	Item 89 Environment and sustainable development:	
		(a) Implementations of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;	
		(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;	
		(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;	

Date	Meeting		Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
			(d) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa;	
			(e) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.	
			Introductory statements and general discussion	
Thursday, 20 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	
			General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 21 October	-			
Week of 24-28 October				
Monday, 24 October	a.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	1 p.m. - Item 87
			General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 25 October	a.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	
			General discussion (continued)	
		1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 89	
Wednesday, 26 October	p.m.	Item 89	Environment and sustainable development	
			General discussion (continued)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Thursday, 27 October	-	b/	
Friday, 28 October	p.m.	Item 89 Environment and sustainable development General discussion (concluded)	
Week of 31 October to 4 November			
Monday, 31 October	a.m. and p.m.	Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council Introductory statements and general discussion	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 12	
Tuesday, 1 November	a.m. and p.m.	c/	
Wednesday, 2 November	a.m.	c/	
	p.m.	Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council General discussion (concluded)	6 p.m. - Item 89
Thursday, 3 November	p.m.	Informal consultations	
Friday, 4 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	

b/ Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

c/ United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and United Nations/FAO Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 7-11 November			
Monday, 7 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	1 p.m. - Item 12
	p.m.	Item 91 Training and research	
		(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;	
		(b) United Nations University.	
Tuesday, 8 November	a.m.	Item 88 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	
		(a) Trade and development;	
		(b) Food and agricultural development;	
		(c) Commodities;	
		(d) Cultural development;	
		(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;	
		(f) Industrial development cooperation;	
		(g) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);	
		(h) International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries;	

Date	Meeting		Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
			(i) United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation.	
			Introductory statements and general discussion	
Wednesday, 9 November	-			
Thursday, 10 November	p.m.	Item 88	Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	6 p.m. - Item 91
			General discussion (continued)	
		6 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 88	
Friday, 11 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Week of 14-18 November				
Monday, 14 November	p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 15 November	p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Wednesday, 16 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 17 November	p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 18 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 88	General discussion (concluded)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 21-25 November			
Monday, 21 November	-		
Tuesday, 22 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 23 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Thursday, 24 November	Holiday		
Friday, 25 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	1 p.m. - Items 88 and 158 (Report of the International Conference on Population and Development) d/
Week of 28 November-2 December			
Monday, 28 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 29 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 30 November	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Thursday, 1 December	a.m. and p.m.	Informal consultations	
Friday, 2 December	-		

d/ At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly decided that the debate on item 158 should be held in plenary meeting, on the understanding that action on the item would be taken in the Second Committee.

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 5-9 December			
Monday, 5 December	a.m. and p.m.		
Tuesday, 6 December	p.m.	Formal meetings will be scheduled during the week as and when required	
Wednesday, 7 December	a.m.		
Thursday, 8 December	a.m. and p.m.		
Friday, 9 December	a.m. and p.m.	Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	

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Addendum

Status of preparation of documentation

The annex to the present note provides information on the status of the documentation before the Second Committee, as at 28 September 1994.

Annex

STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE AS AT 28 SEPTEMBER 1994

Document symbol	Document title	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission to the Office of Conference and Support Services	Projected date of issue
Item 12	Report of the Economic and Social Council			
A/49/3	Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1994	DPCSD	7 September	
A/49/179-E/1994/82	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 44/170)	DESIPA		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the resource mobilization for the implementation of the regional action programme for phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (General Assembly resolution 48/177)	ESCAP		
A/49/169-E/1994/73	Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967 and the Syrian Golan (General Assembly resolution 48/212)	ESCWA		Issued
A/49/263-E/1994/112	Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 48/213)	DPCSD		Issued
A/49/189	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of UNFPA on the United Nations Population Award (ECOSOC decision 1982/112)	UNFPA		Issued
A/49/215-E/1994/99	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the open-ended Working Group on the review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations (ECOSOC resolution 1993/80)	DPCSD		Issued

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A/49/122-E/1994/44 and Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Working with non-governmental organizations: operational activities for development of the United Nations system with non-governmental organizations and Governments at the grassroots and national levels" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon	JIU/DPCSD		Issued
A/49/423	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review and assessment of efforts to restructure the regional dimension of United Nations economic and social activities"	JIU		
A/49/56-S/26926	Letter dated 29 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 87	Macroeconomic policy questions			
A/49/204-E/1994/90	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/205-E/1994/91	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/256	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/307-S/1994/958	Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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Item 87 (a)	Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries			
A/49/328	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 47/152 and 48/185)	DESIPA	22 August	12 October
A/49/83	Letter dated 7 February 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 87 (b)	Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade			
A/49/328	Report of the Secretary-General	DESIPA	See item 87 (a) above	
Item 87 (c)	External debt crisis and development			
A/49/338	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/182)	DESIPA	24 August	12 October
Item 87 (d)	Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries			
A/49/309	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 47/178)	DESIPA	12 August	12 October
Item 88	Sustainable development and international economic cooperation			
A/49/378	Executive summary of the World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77, 44/171 and 48/108)	DPCSD	13 September	19 October
	Report of the Secretary-General containing an analysis and recommendations on ways and means to promote a dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (General Assembly resolution 48/165)	DPCSD	(7 October)	

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A/49/424 and Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "A review of the specific development needs of small Member States and the responsiveness of the United Nations system to these needs" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon	JIU/DPCSD		
A/49/204-E/1994/90	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/205-E/1994/91	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/229	Letter dated 11 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/256	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/307	Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/395	Letter dated 14 September 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Botswana and Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/412-S/1994/1078	Letter dated 20 September 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 88 (a)	Trade and development			
A/49/15, vol. I	Report of the Trade and Development Board	UNCTAD	6 September	21 October
Vol. II		UNCTAD		

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A/49/227 and Add.1 and Add.2	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/186 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries	UNCTAD	18 July/ 8 August	3 October/ 10 October
A/49/363	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution 48/54)	UNCTAD	6 September	10 October
A/49/277	Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia (General Assembly resolution 48/170)	UNCTAD	18 July	12 October
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 88 (b)	Food and agricultural development			
A/49/438	Report of the Secretary-General on recent developments in world production and trade of agricultural and tropical products, including global food security (General Assembly resolution 47/149)	UNCTAD	27 September	25 October
	Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of FAO on emergency action to combat the locust infestation in Africa (General Assembly resolution 48/20)	FAO		
Item 88 (c)	Commodities			
A/49/226	Report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the commodity situation, developmental linkages between the commodity sector and other sectors, and actions required to develop such linkages in the context of diversification (General Assembly resolution 47/185)	UNCTAD	7 July	14 October
A/49/228-S/1994/827	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued

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Item 88 (d)	Cultural development			
A/49/159-E/1994/62 and Add.1 and 2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNESCO on the global mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development during the period 1992-1993 (General Assembly resolution 46/157 and ECOSOC decision 1993/209)	DPCSD/ UNESCO		Issued
Item 88 (e)	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy			
A/49/330	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/181)	DESIPA/ECE	19 August	14 October
Item 88 (f)	Industrial development cooperation			
A/49/347	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153	UNIDO	29 August	17 October
A/49/372	Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/177 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002) (General Assembly resolution 47/177)	UNIDO	13 September	20 October
Item 88 (g)	United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)			
A/49/37, Supp. No. 37	Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180)	UNCHS		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/176	UNCHS		
A/49/272	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Preparatory Committee (General Assembly resolution 47/180)	UNCHS	20 July	10 October
Item 88 (h)	International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (General Assembly resolution 48/183)	DPCSD	(10 October)	

Document symbol	Document title	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission to the Office of Conference and Support Services	Projected date of issue
	Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 48/184)	DPCSD	(7 October)	
Item 88 (i)	United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation			
	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/60)	DPCSD		
Item 89	Environment and sustainable development			
A/49/223-E/1994/105	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fourth special session	UNEP		Issued
	Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing (General Assembly decision 48/445)	LEG	(30 September)	
A/49/204-E/1994/90	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/205-E/1994/91	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/229	Letter dated 11 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/256	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/307-S/1994/958	Letter dated 8 August 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 89 (a)	Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development			
	Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 47/190 and 47/191)	DPCSD	(7 October)	

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Item 89 (b)	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 47/195	DPCSD	(10 October)	
Item 89 (c)	Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks			
	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Conference (General Assembly resolution 48/194)	LEG	(10 October)	
A/49/254	Note verbale dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 89 (d)	Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa			
A/49/84 and Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, on its third and fourth sessions	DPCSD		Issued
Addendum 2 to the above	Note by the Secretary-General on the fifth session of the Committee	DPCSD		17 October
	Note by the Secretary-General on the future work of the Committee (General Assembly resolution 48/191)	DPCSD	(7 October)	
Item 89 (e)	Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States			
A/CONF.167/9	Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolutions 47/189 and 48/193)	DPCSD		Issued
A/49/425	Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement the Programme of Action adopted by the Conference	DPCSD	23 September	21 October

Document symbol	Document title	Submitting department or office	Actual (estimated) date of submission to the Office of Conference and Support Services	Projected date of issue
A/49/414	Note by the Secretary-General on the feasibility study of UNDP for the implementation of a small-island developing States information network	DPCSD	21 September	17 October
	Note by the Secretary-General on the feasibility study of UNDP on the development of a small island developing States (technical assistance programme)	DPCSD	(5 October)	
Item 90	Operational activities for development			
A/49/326	Report of the Secretary-General on the World Summit for Children (General Assembly decision 48/446)	UNICEF	17 August	7 October
A/49/133-E/1994/49 and Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Field representation of United Nations system organizations: a more unitary approach" and the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon	JIU/ DPCSD		Issued
A/49/71	Letter dated 3 February 1994 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/204-E/1994/90	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/205-E/1994/91	Letter dated 27 June 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
A/49/256-E/1994/91	Letter dated 12 July 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General			Issued
Item 91	Training and research			
Item 91 (a)	United Nations Institute for Training and Research			
A/49/14, Supp. No. 14	Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research	UNITAR	22 September	24 October
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/207 and in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 47/227	AM		

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Item 91 (b)	United Nations University			
A/49/31, Supp. No. 31	Report of the Council of the United Nations University	UNU		Issued
Item 158	Report of the International Conference on Population and Development			
A/CONF.171/13	Report of the Conference	DPCSD	(14 October)	

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Commemoration of the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, Manas

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 1994/49 of 29 July 1994, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Commemoration of the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, Manas". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

"Commemoration of the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, Manas

"The General Assembly,

"Considering that 1995 is the year that marks the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, Manas, which corresponds to the principles of the World Decade for Cultural Development, 1988-1997, 1/

"Recalling resolution 27 C/13.22 of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, concerning the commemoration of anniversaries during the biennium 1994-1995,

"Taking into consideration that the Manas epic has been a vital link in sustaining and unifying the peoples of the Central Asian region throughout their long history,

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1/ General Assembly resolution 41/187.

"Recognizing that the epic is not only the source of the Kyrgyz language and literature but also the foundation of the cultural, moral, historical, social and religious traditions of the Kyrgyz people,

"Bearing in mind that the epic promotes widely shared ideals and values of humanity,

"Mindful of the contribution that the commemoration of the millennium of the Manas epic can make to the cultural and human heritage and to the furtherance of international cooperation and understanding,

"Noting the freedom-loving legacy of the epic for the nations of the region,

"Noting also the ideals and principles contained in the "Memory of the World" programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

"1. Recognizes 1995 as the year commemorating the millennium of the Kyrgyz national epic, Manas;

"2. Welcomes the fact that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has assumed the role of lead organization for the commemoration of the millennium of the Manas epic;

"3. Encourages the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in cooperation with the Government of Kyrgyzstan and other interested international organizations, to take all appropriate measures to observe 1995 as the year commemorating the millennium of the Manas epic;

"4. Takes note with satisfaction of the international activities undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in collaboration with the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic to spread international knowledge of the legacy of the Manas epic."

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Integration of the Commission on Transnational Corporations into the institutional machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 1994/1 of 14 July 1994, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Integration of the Commission on Transnational Corporations into the institutional machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development". The text of the draft resolution is reproduced below.

"Integration of the Commission on Transnational Corporations into the institutional machinery of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993, adopted in the context of the ongoing restructuring of the United Nations in the economic and social fields, and endorsing the Secretary-General's decision to consolidate all activities related to transnational corporations within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

"Recognizing the key role of international investment, as well as the role of other international market-driven capital flows, in the promotion of global economic growth and development,

"Affirming the unique value to the international community of the United Nations intergovernmental deliberations on such issues,

"Recognizing the need for improved efficiency and effectiveness within the United Nations system in addressing international investment issues, and recognizing that such improvements are attainable through improved rationalization of both United Nations intergovernmental meetings and Secretariat resources,

"Considering the 1993 relocation of the Transnational Corporations and Management Division of the former Department of Economic and Social Development of the United Nations Secretariat to the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as the Division on Transnational Corporations and Investment,

"Bearing in mind the work of the Commission on Transnational Corporations over its past twenty sessions and that, in recent years, the activities of the Commission have placed greater emphasis on the contribution of transnational corporations to economic growth and development, strengthening cooperation between host developing countries and transnational corporations, facilitating flows of foreign direct investment, and exploring linkages among capital flows, technology dissemination and acquisitions, and trade in goods and services, as well as the fact that this shift has resulted in an increase in the number of elements common to the Commission's activities and those of the Trade and Development Board and its subsidiary bodies,

"Mindful of the need to avoid unnecessary duplication of work among United Nations bodies,

"Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974, in particular paragraphs 3 and 4 thereof, the document entitled "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment", 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia from 8 to 25 February 1992, and General Assembly resolution 47/183 of 22 December 1993, in which the Assembly reaffirmed the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, inter alia, as the most appropriate focal point within the United Nations for the integrated treatment of development and interrelated issues in key areas, including trade, commodities, finance, investment, services and technology, in the interests of all countries, particularly those of developing countries,

"1. Decides that the Commission on Transnational Corporations should become a commission of the Trade and Development Board and be renamed the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations;

1/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Eighth Session, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.II.D.5), part one, sect. A.

"2. Requests the Trade and Development Board to address urgently the question of orienting the programme of work of the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations on the basis of recommendations made by the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its twentieth session that the Board should orient the work in such a way as to attract attendance of relevant senior public sector officials, whenever possible, as well as private sector representatives, and that the work should include:

"(a) Promoting the exchange of views and experience among interested Governments, businesses, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, trade unions and experts on issues relating to international investment, transnational corporations and the creation of an enabling environment for private sector and enterprise development;

"(b) Reviewing and providing guidance to the Secretariat with regard to its research activities and the provision of information on policies, programmes and developments related to international investment and transnational corporations and the creation of an enabling environment for private sector and enterprise development;

"(c) Reviewing and providing guidance to the Secretariat on technical assistance to Governments interested in developing investment regimes and enabling environments so as to attract more foreign investment and support for enterprise developments, thereby contributing to economic growth and development of host countries;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to restore in full the resources of the programme on transnational corporations as originally allocated in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/228 A of 23 December 1993;

"4. Invites Member States and interested parties to increase financial support for technical cooperation, consultative and advisory services, training, research and information activities in the field of foreign investment;

"5. Decides that the Commission will keep under review the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting, whose next session is to be held at Geneva in the first half of 1995;

"6. Also decides that the next session of the Commission should be held at Geneva in the first half of 1995."

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Algeria*: draft resolution

United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations system and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related field, and recalling decision 94/15 of 10 June 1994 on the 1994 Human Development Report, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, 1/

Recalling that the Human Development Report and the concepts contained therein, such as human security and sustainable human development, are the result of an independent intellectual exercise that should not lead to the introduction of conditionalities into the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, that the Human Development Report is independent and distinct from United Nations Development Programme operations;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 15 (E/1994/35/Rev.1).

2. Asserts the need to improve the process of consultation with Member States and other relevant international bodies to refine the methodologies, including the collection and sources of data, used in the Human Development Report, with a view to improving its quality and accuracy, without jeopardizing its intellectual independence;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: SUSTAINABLE USE AND CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

Fiji: draft resolution

United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and High Migratory Fish Stocks

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/192 of 22 December 1992 and 48/194 of 21 December 1993, concerning the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made by the Conference at its third and fourth sessions in 1994, 1/

Taking note of the recommendation of the Conference to the General Assembly that it provide for the convening of two further sessions in 1995 to enable the Conference to complete its work, 2/

Convinced that the widest possible participation in the Conference is important to ensure its success,

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1/ A/49/522.

2/ See A/CONF.164/25, para. 29, and A/49/522, paras. 24-26.

1. Notes the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks at its previous sessions;

2. Approves the convening in New York of two further sessions of the Conference from 27 March to 12 April 1995 and from 24 July to 4 August 1995, in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide services for those two sessions of the Conference, including facilities for holding two simultaneous meetings during the sessions;

4. Urges the Conference to complete its work before the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

5. Renews its request to Governments and regional economic integration organizations to contribute to the voluntary fund established in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 47/192 for the purpose of assisting developing countries, especially those most concerned by the subject-matter of the Conference, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference, and expresses its appreciation for the contributions to the fund made so far;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the final report on the work of the Conference;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: report of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks".

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MACROECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Algeria*: draft resolution

Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance and continued validity of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, which provide the overall framework for economic growth and development, and recalling its resolutions 46/144 of 17 December 1991, 47/152 of 18 December 1992 and 48/185 of 21 December 1993 on the implementation of the Declaration and the International Development Strategy,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Aware that the Declaration, the International Development Strategy and the Agenda for Development are mutually supportive and closely interlinked in promoting economic development in the developing countries,

1. Reaffirms the validity and the need for the full and timely implementation of the commitment and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and in the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade in order to achieve sustained economic growth and revitalization of the development of the developing countries;

2. Takes note with interest of the report submitted by the Secretary-General on the Declaration on International Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; 1/

3. Encourages Member States that have not yet submitted their reports on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and in the International Development Strategy to do so;

4. Decides, in order to monitor the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration and of the International Development Strategy and to facilitate the deliberation of the report of the Secretary-General on the subject, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "International cooperation for economic growth and development: (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development in the Developing Countries; (b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade";

5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, at its fifty-first session, a comprehensive and analytical report for the purpose of reviewing and appraising in 1996 the implementation of the commitments and agreements of the Declaration and the International Development Strategy, with particular emphasis on those commitments and agreements that are not fully implemented and to identify the constraints to implementation;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Agenda for Development will provide impetus to and will strengthen the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy.

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MACROECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS: NET TRANSFER OF RESOURCES BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Algeria*: draft resolution

Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling its resolutions 44/232 of 22 December 1989 on trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries, and 47/178 of 22 December 1992 on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Recalling also its resolution 43/197 of 20 December 1988 and Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1/ which address the fulfilment of the internationally agreed commitment for official development assistance,

Taking note of the World Economic and Social Survey, 1994, 2/ in particular chapter IV thereof, entitled "International resource transfers and financial development", and the report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries, 3/

Recognizing that the international community has a responsibility to give strong support to the efforts of the developing countries to solve their grave economic and social problems through the creation of a favourable international economic environment,

Noting the fact that the net transfer of resources to the developing countries has been positive for the past two years and that a supportive international economic environment is of critical importance if such transfers are to be sustainable,

Noting with concern that only a small number of developing countries have actually benefited from the positive transfer of financial resources from developed countries and that, for the majority of them, in particular the least developed countries, the transfer of resources has declined and the critical situation continues,

Noting with regret that owing to deteriorating terms of trade for developing countries, the real levels of resources for development remain gravely inadequate for most of them,

Stressing the unpredictable character of those transfers, which are in fact generated by private capital movements that are motivated by short-term gains and subject to interest rate variations and other possible fluctuations in the international economic environment,

Concerned that the net transfer of resources from multilateral financial institutions has been negative in real terms,

Stressing further the continuous decline in the level of official development assistance, which constitutes the main source of external financial

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Río de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex II.

2/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.II.C.1 and corrigendum.

3/ A/49/309 and Corr.1.

resources to many developing countries, in particular the African countries, which do not yet have adequate access to international private capital, in view of the weakness of their economies,

Concerned about the persistent insufficiency of resources for most developing countries over the past decade, in particular their inadequacy, which leaves developing countries with serious shortfalls in financial resources for development,

Recalling the successful outcome of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the spirit of multilateralism that permeated the Conference, as reflected in its final document "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment", 4/

Noting that the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations do not effectively address the problems of developing countries, in particular those relating to the exports of African and least developed countries, whose tradeable commodities and economies are not sufficiently diversified to allow them to participate effectively and beneficially in the new multilateral trading arrangement embodied by the World Trade Organization,

Noting the tenth replenishment of the International Development Association, while expressing concern that there has been no increase in commitments from the replenishment,

Bearing in mind that the major industrialized countries, which have significant weight in influencing world economic growth and the international economic environment, should continue their efforts to promote sustained economic growth and development and to narrow imbalances so as to enhance the ability of the developing countries to address and alleviate their major problems in the areas of money, finance, resource flows, technology transfers, trade, commodities and external indebtedness,

Noting that the outcome of the Summit of the group of seven major industrialized countries, held at Naples, Italy, in July 1994 5/ and the annual meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions in Madrid in October 1994, recognized the need for private flows and the transfer of real resources to developing countries,

1. Stresses the need to increase international efforts to ensure the flow of substantial resources for the reactivation of economic growth and development in the developing countries, and recommends to this end, that:

4/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Eighth Session, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 8-25 February 1992, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.II.D.5), part one, sect. A.

5/ A/49/228-S/1994/827, annex I.

(a) Developed countries increase financial flows to developing countries in order to facilitate their sustained economic growth and development, and to assist them in their diversification and structural adjustment efforts through, inter alia, an expansion of multilateral credits, promoting foreign direct investment and increasing concessional and non-debt resources;

(b) Developed countries that have reaffirmed their commitment to reach the accepted United Nations target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product for official development assistance, to the extent that they have not yet achieved that target, agree to augment their aid programmes in order to reach that target as soon as possible; in particular new and additional resources should be provided by developed countries to meet the needs of developing countries and implementation of sustainable development;

(c) In the large number of developing countries where the burden of debt and debt service constitutes a major obstacle to the revitalization of growth and development, progress be made towards a durable solution of the external debt problem of developing countries;

(d) Governments work towards an open, free, equitable, non-discriminatory and rule-based international trading system that improves access to all markets for the exports of the developing countries so as to ensure their sustained economic growth and development, which are critical for mutual global benefit; in this context there is a need for a speedy establishment of compensatory measures for developing countries adversely affected by the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreement;

(e) Producers and consumers of commodities continue to explore ways and means of reinforcing their cooperation and consider actively participating in international commodity agreements and arrangements that take into account market trends in order to achieve more efficient international commodity cooperation;

(f) Assistance be provided to developing countries in the area of vertical and horizontal diversification in order to enlarge their exports bases and to allow those countries that have not yet reached this stage to create the conditions appropriate to attract foreign capital;

(g) All Governments, particularly those of the developed countries, cooperate more closely to achieve a higher degree of stability in financial markets, reduce the risk of financial crisis, such as high volatility in exchange rates, and help to promote an international financial system more conducive to stable and sustained economic growth;

(h) Appropriate measures be undertaken by all Governments, particularly those of the developed countries, to create an international economic environment, to stabilize and lower real interest rates and to reduce uncertainties of financial flows;

(i) All Governments, particularly those of the developed countries, strive for multilateral surveillance aimed at correcting existing external and fiscal imbalances so as to greatly expand multilateral trade and foreign investment,

particularly to the developing countries; in this context, there is a critical need for participatory involvement of developing countries;

(j) Effective coordination of macroeconomic policies be carried out in multilateral forums;

(k) International safety nets be established to protect the integrity of development programmes in the face of sudden outflows of private capital from developing countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor developments in the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries and utilize all relevant reports, such as those prepared by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the regional banks, and to report thereon in the World Economic and Social Survey, 1995; and also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Algeria*: draft resolution

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/190 of 22 December 1992, in which it endorsed the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recalling also its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992 on institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Reaffirming the need for a balanced and integrated approach to environment and development issues, and the new global partnership for sustainable development initiated at the Conference,

Having considered the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session, 1/ which was held in New York from 16 to 27 May 1994,

1. Notes the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its second session and the recommendations contained therein;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ E/1994/33.

2. Welcomes the communications regarding the implementation of Agenda 21 2/ provided on a voluntary basis by a number of Governments and organizations at the second session of the Commission;

3. Expresses its deep concern at the insufficient progress made towards the provision of new and additional financial resources and the transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries on concessional and preferential terms for the implementation of Agenda 21, and in that context reiterates its concern that official development assistance has decreased by 10 per cent since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

4. Stresses the critical need for and importance of the provision of means of implementation to developing countries, especially those relating to new and additional financial resources and the transfer of environmentally sound technology to developing countries on concessional and preferential terms, in order to assist them in implementing Agenda 21 and other decisions of the Conference;

5. Calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development, as the relevant forum, to promote the adoption of urgent steps to implement the chapters of Agenda 21 related to the crucial issue of unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, particularly in the developed countries, which not only constitute the major cause of the continued global environmental deterioration but also aggravate poverty and imbalances;

6. Notes the work done so far by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade/World Trade Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the United Nations Environment Programme in the fields of trade, environment and sustainable development, underlines the need to ensure close cooperation and complementarity of work with the Commission on Sustainable Development, and recommends that the Commission, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Environment Programme be appropriately represented at the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization;

7. Encourages, in addition to the participation of ministers of environment in the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the participation of ministers responsible for development planning, finance and trade in the high-level meetings of the Commission;

8. Calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with chapter 38 of Agenda 21, to develop close and clear relationships with other international organizations and entities, such as the conferences of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 3/ the

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2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

3/ A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

Convention on Biological Diversity, 4/ and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 5/ and the Global Environment Facility in order to increase its effectiveness in monitoring the implementation of Agenda 21 and other decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

9. Calls upon the international financial institutions and other international organizations to significantly increase their financial resources and technical support for developing countries, and to improve their delivery systems in order to more effectively and demonstrably implement Agenda 21;

10. Recommends that the members of the international financial institutions take the necessary steps, through their respective governing bodies, to enable their programmes and activities to better reflect Agenda 21 in order to respond to the needs of developing countries;

11. Endorses the recommendation of the Commission on Sustainable Development to draw up a matrix of policy options and financial instruments and mechanisms that would facilitate the formulation of optimal financing strategies for each of the sectoral clusters under review;

12. Calls upon the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development, in carrying out its mandate, to ensure that there is more transparency in its work by encouraging a more direct involvement of the members of the Board, in their expert capacity, in the informal meetings held during the Commission on Sustainable Development, as well as to arrange briefing sessions open to all interested parties to highlight the outcome of its meetings;

13. Stresses the need to ensure balanced, transparent and coherent inter-sessional processes that are participatory in nature in order to facilitate the work of the ad hoc working groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

14. Notes that major groups could play an important role in the implementation of Agenda 21, and encourages them to contribute to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, relevant intergovernmental organizations, agencies, programmes and bodies both within and outside the United Nations system, and relevant non-governmental organizations.

4/ See United Nations Environment Programme, Convention on Biological Diversity (Environmental Law and Institutions Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

5/ A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.